# STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

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IN RE: ROBERT LEWIS STEWART	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 19-056-I</b>
NPN 18193265	)	

## STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation's ("Department")

Commissioner ("Commissioner") is responsible for administering and enforcing the insurance laws of the State of Vermont, as set forth in 8 V.S.A. §§ 11, 13, 15, 4800, and 4804; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of its investigation, the Department alleges that Robert Lewis Stewart ("Respondent") has violated the insurance laws, as set forth below; and,

WHEREAS, the Department and Respondent enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order to resolve, without further administrative proceedings, the Department's allegations that Respondent violated the insurance laws, as set forth below; and,

WHEREAS, the Respondent elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under the Vermont Administrative Procedure Act, Title 3, Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes annotated, the rules, regulations and orders of the Commissioner, and any right to judicial review by any court with respect to the Stipulation and Consent Order; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Department and Respondent stipulate and agree as follows:

# **Findings of Fact**

- Respondent Robert Lewis Stewart holds Vermont non-resident producer license #
   3359465, first issued on July 31, 2018.
- Respondent's current registered business address is 8750 W Bryn Mawr Ave.,
   Chicago, IL 60631-3655.
- 3. Respondent's current resident state is Pennsylvania.
- 4. Respondent failed to disclose his criminal history in his license application.

# **Conclusions of Law**

- 5. Pursuant to 8 V.S.A. §§ 11, 13, and 15, the Commissioner is charged with enforcing the insurance laws of the State of Vermont.
- 6. Pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 48130, a licensee is required to provide correct and complete information in the license application.
- 7. Pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4804 (d), a person violating any insurance law may be subject to an administrative penalty.

## **Consent Order**

NOW THEREFORE, based on Respondent's stipulation and based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commissioner issues the following Order:

- Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500.00 to the Department within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- 9. If the Respondent fails or neglects to comply with any of the terms, conditions or undertakings set forth in this Stipulation and Consent Order, the Department may, upon written notice to Respondent, institute any legal or administrative

- proceedings it deems appropriate to enforce same and to seek such other appropriate sanctions, and Respondent shall consent to the entry of judgment for any unpaid balance.
- 10. Nothing in this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be construed as limiting the Commissioner's authority to investigate Respondent for matters not resolved by the Stipulation and Consent Order or for matters unrelated to this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- Nothing in this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be construed as limiting any private action a person may have.
- 12. Respondent acknowledges he has had the opportunity to consult with counsel or has been represented by counsel in this matter and voluntarily waives his right to a hearing on this matter and to judicial review of this matter.
- Respondent further acknowledges the Commissioner retains jurisdiction over this matter for purposes of enforcing this Order.
- 14. This Order shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Vermont.
- 15. This Order is entered into solely for the purpose of resolving this matter and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

#### Consent by Robert Lewis Stewart

16. Robert Lewis Stewart hereby admits to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner over the subject matter of this proceeding and knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to a hearing before the Commissioner or his designee and all other procedures otherwise available under Vermont law, the rules of the Department, the provision of Title 3, Chapter 25 or any right he may have to judicial review of

this matter.

17. Respondent acknowledges this Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes a valid

order duly rendered by the Commissioner and agrees to be bound by it.

18. Respondent acknowledges and agrees this Stipulation and Consent Order is

entered into freely and voluntarily.

19. Respondent acknowledges his understanding of all terms, conditions, and

obligations contained in the Stipulation and Consent Order and further

acknowledges that should he fail to comply with any and all provisions of the

Stipulation and Consent Order, the Commission may impose additional sanctions

and seek appropriate relief subject to the Respondent's right to a hearing pursuant

to Vermont Insurance laws.

20. This Stipulation and Consent Order is considered a public regulatory action and

will be reported to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The

Respondent must, in the future, answer "YES" to any question which asks "have

you ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding" or

any similar question.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

**Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires: <u>a/5/a0a4</u>

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SANTINA DIGEROLAMO My Commission Expires 2/5/2024 Accepted by:

Kevin J/Gaffney

Date: 3-5-2020

Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Division, Vermont Department of Financial Regulation

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- A. Respondent shall comply with all agreements, stipulations and undertakings as recited above.
- B. Nothing contained in this Order shall restrain or limit the Department in responding and addressing any consumer complaint that may be filed, nor shall it preclude the Department from pursuing any other violation of Vermont laws.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 5th day of March, 2020.

Michael S. Pieciak, Commissioner

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation

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